Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Friday 12 Mar 2021 until 23:59 on Saturday 13 Mar 2021

Forecast Issued on Friday 12 Mar 2021 at 03:15 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High, falling low for Tuesday.

Headline for Friday 12 Mar 2021: Frequent snow showers bringing blizzard condtions and sunny intervals. Gales and severe wind chill.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 12 Mar 2021

Blizzards
High Likelihood

Heavy Snow
Medium Likelihood

Storm force winds
Low Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy snow	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow	Heavy snow
Precipitation probability					
70%	70%	70%	50%	30%	20%

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Weather: Frequent snow showers over most of the region, some heavy with the odd lightning strike possible. Blizzard conditions due to the strong winds and sub-zero temperatures.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 40% - but varying markedly as showers move through.

Visibility: Good away from showers but rapid deteriorations to poor or very poor in showers, with cloud descending to 500-600m at times.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	39/46 W	35/42 SW	35/45 SW	36/46 SW	31/40 SW	25/32 SW	13/16 SW
900	37/44 W	33/40 SW	34/44 SW	35/46 SW	29/38 SW	24/31 SW	12/15 SW
600	26/33 W	23/31 SW	25/35 SW	26/37 SW	21/30 SW	17/24 SW	8/11 SW
300	7/32 W	7/30 SW	11/36 SW	11/35 SW	8/28 SW	7/23 SW	2/10 SW
Glen	12/25 SW	12/24 W	16/30 SW	17/33 W	9/22 SW	9/19 S	3/7 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-4/-14	-4/-14	-4/-13	-4/-14	-4/-13	-4/-12	-4/-10
900	-3/-13	-3/-12	-3/-12	-3/-12	-3/-12	-3/-11	-3/-8
600	-1/-8	-1/-8	-0/-8	-1/-8	-1/-8	-1/-7	-1/-5
300	1/-2	1/-2	2/-2	2/-3	1/-2	1/-2	0/-2
Glen	4/-1	4/-1	4/-0	4/-1	4/0	3/-0	2/1
Freezing Level*	400m	400m	400m	400m	400m	500m	400m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Note the very low feels like temperatures at height.

Forecast for Saturday 13 Mar 2021
Weather: Further snow showers and occasional clear or sunny intervals.

Maximum wind: Easing overnight to be west to northwest 15-20mph by dawn, rising to 35 gusts 50mph by afternoon.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 40%.

Visibility: Good away from showers falling to poor or very poor in snow showers with cloud bases down to 450-600m at times.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 1 Celsius rising to Plus 6 Celsius
At 800m: Minus 2 Celsius
Freezing level: 400m overnight rising to 600m in the afternoon.

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